

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An information service apparatus for providing information to a terminal connected through a network in accordance with a request sent from the terminal, the information service apparatus comprising:

10 an operation panel on which operation information on said information service apparatus is displayed;

 language correspondence judgment means for judging whether or not the information can be provided
15 in a language designated by discrimination information contained in the request from said terminal; and

 language determination means for determining the language to be used in providing said information,
 wherein, when said language correspondence
20 judgment means determines that said information in the language designated by said discrimination information cannot be provided, said language determination means sets an operation panel language used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel as
25 the language used for providing said information .

2. The information service apparatus as
claimed in claim 1, further comprising discrimination
information existence judgment means for judging whether
said discrimination information is contained in the
5 request from said terminal, wherein said language
determination means sets said operation panel language
as said language used for providing said information
when said discrimination information existence judgment
means judges that said discrimination information is not
10 contained in the request from said terminal.

15 3. The information service apparatus as
claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of languages are
supported as the operation panel language so as to use
one language previously selected from among the
plurality of languages when displaying the operation
20 information on said operation panel.

4. The information service apparatus as
claimed in claim 1, wherein, when the language
designated by the discrimination information contained
in the request from said terminal corresponds to neither
5 of said plurality of supported languages, said language
correspondence judgment means judges that said
information cannot be provided in the language
designated by said discrimination information.

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5. The information service apparatus as
claimed in claim 1, wherein the request from said
15 terminal is a HTTP request, and said discrimination
information is a value of an Accept-Language field
included in said HTTP request.

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6. The information service apparatus as
claimed in claim 1, wherein said information service
apparatus is an image processing apparatus.

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7. An information display apparatus
comprising:

information service request means for sending
a send request to an information service apparatus that
5 provides information through a network, the send request
for requesting said information and designating a
language used in displaying said information; and

information display means for displaying said
information received from said information service
10 apparatus,

wherein, when said information service
apparatus is incapable of providing said information in
the language designated by said information service
request means, said information display means displays
15 said information received from said information service
apparatus in a language used for displaying information
on an operation panel of said information service
apparatus.

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8. An information service system comprising:
a terminal connected to a network; and
25 an information service apparatus sending

information to said terminal through said network in accordance with a request sent from said terminal,

wherein said information service apparatus comprises:

5 an operation panel on which operation information on said information service apparatus is displayed;

 language correspondence judgment means for judging whether or not the information can be provided
10 in a language designated by discrimination information contained in the request from said terminal; and

 language determination means for determining the language to be used in providing said information,

 wherein, when said language correspondence
15 judgment means determines that said information in the language designated by said discrimination information cannot be provided, said language determination means sets an operation panel language used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel as
20 the language used for providing said information; and

 wherein said terminal displays said information in the language determined by said language determination means.

9. An information service method for providing information from an information service apparatus to a terminal connected to said information service apparatus through a network in accordance with a request sent from said terminal, comprising:

a language correspondence judgment procedure of judging whether or not the information can be provided in a language designated by discrimination information contained in the request from said terminal;

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a language determination procedure of determining the language to be used in providing said information,

wherein, when said language correspondence judgment procedure determines that said information in the language designated by said discrimination information cannot be provided, said language determination procedure sets an operation panel language used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel as the language used for providing said information.

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10. The information service method as claimed
in claim 9, further comprising a discrimination
information existence judgment procedure of judging
whether said discrimination information is contained in
5 the request from said terminal, wherein said language
determination procedure sets said operation panel
language as said language used for providing said
information when said discrimination information
existence judgment procedure judges that said
10 discrimination information is not contained in the
request from said terminal.

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11. The information service method as claimed
in claim 9, wherein a plurality of languages are
supported as the operation panel language so as to use
one language previously selected from among the
20 plurality of languages when displaying the operation
information on said operation panel.

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12. The information service method as claimed
in claim 9, wherein, when the language designated by the
discrimination information contained in the request from
said terminal corresponds to neither of said plurality
5 of supported languages, said language correspondence
judgment means judges that said information cannot be
provided in the language designated by said
discrimination information.

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13. The information service method as claimed
in claim 9, wherein the request from said terminal is a
15 HTTP request, and said discrimination information is a
value of an Accept-Language field included in said HTTP
request.

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14. The information service method as claimed
in claim 9, wherein said information service apparatus
is an image processing apparatus.

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